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SUBJECT: STIPENDS FOR U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENTS IN POLAND

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1. STIPEND ISSUE RAISED BY ROSOLOWSKI, AND EARLIER BY STANLEY, INDICATES PROBLEM WHICH COULD AFFECT FUTURE OF FULBRIGHT STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

2. IREX INFORMS THAT ITS JUNIOR GRANTEES RECEIVE BASIC STIPEND OF ZL 4000, FREE HOUSING, AND ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF ZL 5400 FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS COSTS. WE BELIEVE THAT CLOSER BALANCE BETWEEN IREX AND THOSE FULBRIGHT STIPENDS AT SAME ACADEMIC LEVEL IS DESIRABLE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH MHE, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. STIPEND FOR FULBRIGHT GRANTEES IS FAR LOWER THAN FOR IREX;

B. U.S. SIDE HAS STEADILY INCREASED POLISH STUDENTS STIPENDS TO ACCOUNT FOR HIGHER US LIVING COSTS, WITH MOST

RECENT INCREASE TO MAXIMUM DOLS 375 MONTHLY THIS YEAR; (DEPENDING ON GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION). POLISH STIPEND OF ZL 2400 FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS HAS REMAINED SAME SINCE INCEPTION OF PROGRAM;

C. APART FROM PERSONAL HARDSHIP TO STUDENTS INVOLVED, LOW STIPEND CREATES SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR DEPARTMENT. IN DEALING WITH CONGRESS, THE U.S. PUBLIC AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS,, WHICH QUESTION WHY U.S. STUDENTS DO NOT RECEIVE STIPEND SUFFICIENT FOR BASIC LIVING EXPENSES.

D. UNLESS APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT FORTHCOMING IN NEAR FUTURE, WE MAY HAVE TO RECONSIDER FUTURE OF FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON PROGRAM AND ITS FUTURE. KISSINGER

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